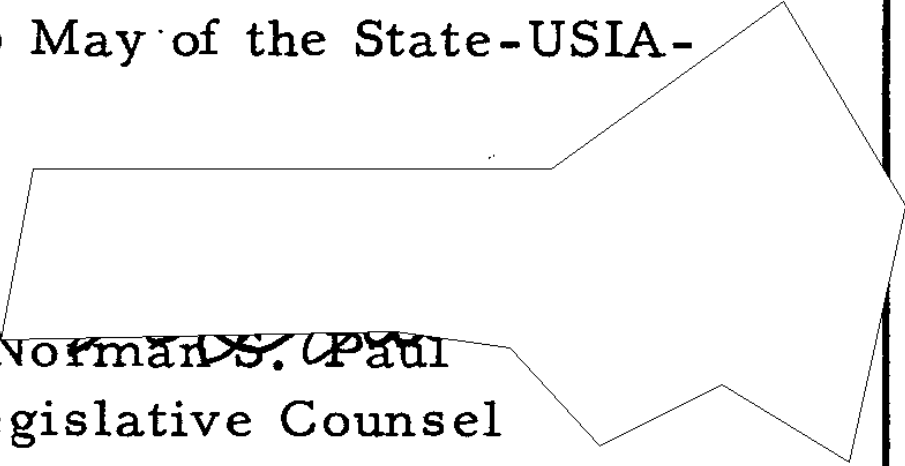


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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

For the Director's information. This is an extract from Senator Lyndon Johnson's presentation on 15 May of the State-USIA-Justice budget.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation asked for 42 more agents and 21 more clerks. We considered the request. We recognize that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is headed by a career officer. We recognize that he is the head of one of the most efficient, one of the most economical bureaus in the entire Government. But I called him on the telephone and said that every day I had to look Senator BYRD in the face, and also Senator RUSSELL, Senator KNOWLAND, Senator SMITH of Maine, Senator WILEY, Senator BRIDGES, Senator DIRKSEN, and many other Senators.

I said: "This is a year when we want to be careful; when we want to avoid or to postpone any expenditure which can be avoided or postponed. We want to reduce the additional personnel appropriations which you requested about 10 percent. But we want to ask you, if that is done, whether you will not try to have your staff absorb the work, and have them work a little more overtime."

All of us know that the Director and everyone who works under him do not watch the clock. They probably contribute more overtime than do the employees of any other agency of the Government.

The Director said, "If that is the policy of Congress, of the Senate, and of the chairman, and if they establish that policy, I will carry it out as best I can."

I praise the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his attitude, and express the hope that other agencies will emulate it.

The committee recommended a reduction of \$8,200,000 in the budget estimate for the Justice Department, and \$1,475,000 from the House appropriation. In that amount is a reduction of \$150,000 for the FBI.

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